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HOGS LEAD LIVESTOCK PRICE INCREASES

SIOUX FALLS, APRIL 28, 2000 -- Preliminary April prices for barrows and gilts jumped \$8.60 from March, leading livestock price increases according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. All April prices for livestock are up from a year ago.

The preliminary all beef cattle price, at \$79.70, was up \$1.20 from last month and up \$12.10 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$85.30, were up \$2.60 from March and up \$12.80 from last year. Calves, at \$110.00, were up \$3.00 from last month and \$22.80 higher than last April.

The preliminary all hog price, at \$51.20, was up \$8.20 from last month and up an impressive \$20.40 from last April. Barrows and gilts were \$20.80 higher than last year, while sows were up \$17.10 from one year ago.

The preliminary all wheat price for April, at \$2.77, was 6 cents higher than last month and 23 cents above last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.31, was up 11 cents from last month and up 1 cent from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$2.87, was up 6 cents from last month but down 5 cents from last year. The April soybean price, at \$4.81, was up 20 cents from last month and up 43 cents from last year. The preliminary April corn price, at \$1.77, was 1 cent higher than March and was up 5 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$6.59, was down 8 cents from March and down \$2.05 from a year ago.

The preliminary all hay price, at \$46.00 per ton, was up \$3.00 from March and up \$5.00 from last year. The alfalfa price, at \$49.00 per ton, was up \$3.00 from last month and up \$4.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$31.00, was up \$2.00 from last month but down \$4.00 from April 1999.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	April 1999 1/	March 2000 1/	April 2000 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.72	1.76	1.77
Soybeans	Bu.	4.38	4.61	4.81
Sunflowers	Cwt.	8.64	6.67	6.59
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.54	2.71	2.77
Winter	Bu.	2.30	2.20	2.31
Other Spring	Bu.	2.92	2.81	2.87
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Barley, All	Bu.	1.75	2.11	2.07
Feed	Bu.	1.40	5/	1.65
Malt	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Oats	Bu.	1.09	1.19	1.20
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Hay, All	Ton	41.00	43.00	46.00
Alfalfa	Ton	45.00	46.00	49.00
Other	Ton	35.00	29.00	31.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	67.60	78.50	79.70
Cows	Cwt.	34.80	40.90	42.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	72.50	82.70	85.30
Calves 4/	Cwt.	87.20	107.00	110.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	30.80	43.00	51.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	31.80	44.00	52.60
Sows	Cwt.	21.50	33.90	38.60
Lambs	Cwt.	73.40	91.90	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	33.30	39.80	NA

1/ Full month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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